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SUBJECT: R/V LAURENTIAN CLEARANCE REQUEST, 30 JULY - 10 AUG 1978

1. R/V LAURENTIAN, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND ON CONTINENTAL SHELF OF CANADA. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO DETERMINE THE GEOCHEMICAL MASS BALANCE FOR SILICA IN LAKE SUPERIOR. IT IS SUSPECTED THAT THE NET AMOUNT OF SILICA IN THE LAKE MAY BE DECREASING. CURRENT METER STUDIES WILL BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE THE INFLUENCE OF BOTTOM CURRENTS ON SEDIMENT DISTRIBUTION. A 3.5 KHZ SEISMIC REFLECTION PROFILER WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE SEDIMENT THICKNESS AND CORERS WILL BE USED TO OBTAIN SEDIMENT SAMPLES. WATER SAMPLING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE NUTRIENT AND PHYTOPLANKTON CONTENT.

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2. SHIP'S ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH. 31 JULY HOUGHTON, MICH. 1 AUG MUNISING, MICH. 3 AUG

QUEBEC HARBOR, ONT. 5 AUG

DULUTH, MINN. 10 AUG

A SHIP'S TRACK IS BEING POUCHED.

- 3. CHIEF SCIENTIST FOR THE CRUISE IS DR. THOMAS C. JOHNSON OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. THERE IS A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 9 AND ONE BERTH IS AVAILABLE FOR A CANADIAN PARTICIPANT. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED WITH GOC.
- 4. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS R. L. THIBAULT WITH A CREW OF
- 3. R/V LAURENTIAN IS 130 GROSS TONS, 80 FT. LONG, WITH AN 8.75 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WYT 9756 AND SHIP CONTINUOUSLY MONITORS 2182 KHZ AND CHANNEL 16 VHF-FM.
- 5. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK PERMISSION FOR R/V LAURENTIAN TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN CANADIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS AND ON CONTINENTAL SHELF DURING PERIOD 30 JULY 10 AUGUST 1978. CHRISTOPHER

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